

The Missouri Department of Conservation

CONSERVATION
RESOURCE GUIDE
2007

**Your guide to MDC programs and services
in the St. Louis area.**



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THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

MISSION

To protect and manage the fish, forest and wildlife resources of the state; to serve the public and facilitate their participation in resource management activities; and to provide opportunity for all citizens to use, enjoy and learn about fish, forest and wildlife resources.

VISION

To have healthy, sustainable plant and animal communities throughout the state of Missouri for future generations to use and enjoy, and that fish, forest and wildlife resources are in appreciably better condition tomorrow than they are today;

That all Missourians understand the relationship and value of plant and animal communities to our social and economic well being; and,

That citizens and government agencies work together to protect, sustain, enhance, restore, or create sustainable plant and animal communities of local, state and national significance.

VALUES

All citizens are important and we value their trust, regardless of their point of view:

All Missouri citizens deserve respect. Our job is to listen, understand and personally deliver programs and services in a manner that promotes relationships based on trust.

Excellent public service is what we will provide:

We are committed to providing excellent public service in a manner that benefits fish, forest and wildlife resources and encourages citizens to be active participants and conservationists.

Fairness, objectivity, sound science, integrity, responsibility is what we expect of ourselves:

Our decisions and behavior will be based on fairness, objectivity and the best scientific information; we will act with the highest degree of integrity and ethical consideration.

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Complaints of discrimination should be sent to the
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August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 441-4554

Building: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Building closed on weekends and state holidays.
Call for holiday closure information.

Gift Shop: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Area Grounds: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. year round

Boat Rental: April 1 – September 30

The 6,900-acre August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area was purchased by the Missouri Department of Conservation in 1947 from the federal government. Mrs. August A. Busch, Sr., donated a portion (\$70,000) of the cost toward the purchase of the area as a memorial to her late husband. Facilities on the area include: seven hiking trails, an auto tour, 32 fishing lakes, a shooting range, an archery range, classroom space and exhibits on various habitat types.

Nature Programs

Programs and hikes for everyone from pre-schoolers to adults are offered. Reservations are required for all programs except Discovery Tables. Scout and youth group leaders can take advantage of our self-guided Backpack Program. Backpacks can be checked out for three hours at a time and include a variety of activities. Backpacks include: Fallen Oak Trail Pack, Brownie Try-It Pack, Junior Ecology Pack, Webelos Naturalist Pack and Webelos Forester Pack.

Day Camp and Library Programs are available at your site during the summer. To schedule these programs, please call in January for an application.

Mark your calendar!

April 7, 2007 – Wetlands for Kids
at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St. Charles, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring the kids and head out to Busch for field trials, duck wing mazes, activities for kids of all ages. Call (636) 441-4554 for more information.

May 19, 2007 – Kids Fishing Fair
at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St. Charles, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Besides tons of fishing fun there will be lots to do and see including demonstrations on how to fillet a fish, a chance to sample fried fish, casting stations, amphibian and reptile stations and more! Call (636) 441-4554 for more information.

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road
St. Louis, MO 63138
(314) 877-6014

Hours: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from April 1 to September 30
6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily from October 1 to March 31

Visitor Center: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Closed Monday and Tuesday

The 4,318-acre Columbia Bottom Conservation Area was purchased in 1997 by the Missouri Department of Conservation to create an urban conservation area. The area features a variety of bottomland/floodplain habitats along with an excellent view of the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. The area also features the River's Edge Trail, a 3-mile hiking trail along the Missouri River, and the Confluence Hiking/Biking Trail, a 4.75-mile trail along the levee to the confluence.

Nature Programs

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area began offering programs to visitors on a wide variety of nature-related topics in spring 2004. Most programs require reservations in advance. For more information on upcoming programs, subscribe to our regional monthly newsletter, *Making Tracks*; call the visitor center; or go to our website: www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/areas/bottom.

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Join us for these events in 2007!

January 13 & 14

Eagle Days at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge at I-270 and Riverview Drive. Bundle up and come out between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to view the eagles as they soar and dip into the river. Join us for a camp reenactment of the Corps of Discovery, eagle programs, spotting scopes on the bridge, a life-sized eagle's nest and much more! For more information, go to: www.trailnet.org or call (314) 416-9930.

Log onto <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/> for a complete listing of programs and events in the St. Louis region.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 301-1500

Hours: Open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day
Building: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Gift Shop: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Area: Daylight-Saving: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Standard: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center and its surrounding 112-acre oak-hickory forest are owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The area's theme is urban wildlife, giving visitors a better understanding of the birds, mammals, fish and reptiles found in Missouri backyards, especially those in the city. The Nature Center houses exhibits, a gift shop, a wildlife viewing area, reference library, a Discovery Room, four classrooms and a 250-seat auditorium. Three paved trails, totaling over two miles, wind their way through the woods.

Nature Programs

Powder Valley offers many programs to visitors on a wide variety of nature-related topics. Most programs require reservations in advance. For more information on upcoming programs, subscribe to the St. Louis Region's newsletter, *Making Tracks*, or call the Nature Center.

Summer Series

An exciting weekly series of nature-related programs runs in July. Each themed week has sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. – Noon. Call for information and reservations.

Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Road
Wildwood, MO 63038
(636) 458-2236

Visitor Center: Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed weekends, state holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.
Area: Sunrise until ½ hour after sunset

Rockwoods Reservation is a 1,900-acre state forest and wildlife refuge owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The theme presented throughout the area is humans and their relationship to the forest and wildlife resources of Missouri. You'll find hands-on activities, interpretive programs, live animals on display and new interpretive programs about our natural resources. Hike a trail or watch birds and other wildlife at our wildlife viewing blind and feeding stations. Facilities include an Education Center with exhibits and an indoor classroom, a pavilion for outdoor classroom activities, seven trails and two picnic areas.

Nature Programs

Teachers or group leaders may choose from programs that address "Show-Me" standards from the Missouri Curriculum Frameworks. Programs are conducted Tuesday through Friday. Reservations are required and may be made Monday through Friday. All programs are limited to groups of 25 or fewer per session. For groups larger than 25, we suggest splitting into two or more groups. While one group is attending a naturalist-led program, the remainder can visit a different area of the site, take a hike, or participate in any activity provided by the groups' leadership.

Conservation Education Services

Since the formation of the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), education has been recognized as a critical component of resource conservation. For over 50 years, the MDC has utilized Conservation Education Consultants or “ECs” to facilitate conservation education efforts in Missouri schools. Because of their teaching experience and training, ECs are familiar with the school community and the teaching profession. They are also in close contact with MDC fish, forest and wildlife specialists and are therefore particularly capable of providing a wide range of services for teachers and youth group leaders wishing to incorporate environmental and conservation-related material in their teaching. **Education Consultants provide conservation education workshops, educational materials and consultation services. Outdoor Skills Education Specialists can provide teachers and their students with opportunities to develop skills in hunting, fishing, hiking and camping.**

WORKSHOPS:

Conservation Education Consultants and Outdoor Skills Education Specialists provide free educator workshops on conservation topics year round. Workshops on the following topics are available with four weeks notice and at least 15 participants:

- **Aquatic Resources Education Program**

This workshop will introduce teachers to strategies for teaching concepts in conservation, water use, the water cycle, land use, pollution, ecological balance and aquatic ecosystems. Steps toward organizing and implementing an aquatic studies and fishing day for students are also covered.

- **Conservation Seeds**

Our Early Childhood program, this workshop features hands-on learning activities for three- to seven-year-old children. A comprehensive 336-page teacher resource and activity book is provided.

- **Project Learning Tree, Project W.E.T., Project WILD**

These are nationally recognized, interdisciplinary, environmental education programs developed through partnerships among environmental educators, teachers and natural resource professionals. Each “Project” requires a 6-hour workshop that can be implemented over one or more days. Activity guides are provided. A fee is required for these workshops.

- **Outdoor Classrooms**

This workshop includes steps toward the development of an outdoor classroom, strategies for use of the outdoor classroom, or can emphasize either of these areas. It can be adapted to fit the specific needs and situations of a particular school setting.

All workshops can be conducted at or near your location. Other workshop topics can be developed to meet your school’s individual conservation education needs.

Informational sessions of 30-60 minutes’ duration can also be arranged to be presented at faculty meetings to familiarize teachers with the materials and services available from the Missouri Department of Conservation.

An “Education Workshops” brochure that includes courses for graduate-and undergraduate-level credit through cooperating universities is published annually. This listing can also be found in the April issue of the *Missouri Conservationist* magazine.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

The *Conservation Education Materials Request Form* provides a listing of available materials useful for a wide range of age levels and academic disciplines. In addition to these materials, teachers can borrow “Conservation Discovery Trunks” through MDC regional offices. These thematic trunks contain materials and activity-oriented curricula pertaining to Missouri’s fish, forest and wildlife resources and their management. They are designed so that teachers can conduct conservation-related lessons on their own, however, ECs can provide a demonstration lesson in the use of one of the Discovery Trunks if desired. Discovery Trunk theme/topics include: Mammals, Wetlands, Forestry and Lewis & Clark.

CONSULTATIVE SERVICES:

Advice and assistance can be provided regarding the development and implementation of conservation education curricula, outdoor classrooms, field trip and aquatic education opportunities, outdoor skills education and general information about conservation and natural resource education issues or questions.

Education Consultants

County & School District Representatives for the St. Louis Region

David Bruns, Conservation Education Consultant

(636) 458-2236 ext. 235

David.Bruns@mdc.mo.gov

St. Louis County:

Afton

Bayless

Hancock Place

Lindbergh

Mehlville

Parkway

Rockwood

Valley Park

Nancy Snider, Conservation Education Consultant

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Lincoln County

St. Charles County

St. Louis County:

Hazelwood

Warren County

Jennifer Dierking, Conservation Education Consultant

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Franklin County

Jefferson County

Washington County

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St. Louis County:

Jennings

Maplewood-Richmond Heights

Riverview Gardens

University City

Wellston

Barb Sandhagen, Conservation Education Consultant

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St. Louis County:

Brentwood

Clayton

Ferguson-Florissant

Kirkwood

Ladue

Normandy

Pattonville

Ritenour

Webster Groves

Please note: Private and parochial schools, Special School District and homeschoolers are served by the Education Consultant assigned to the public school district or county where the school is located. For example, a parochial school located in the Parkway School District would be served by David Bruns.

Educator/Youth Leader Workshops

Teachers! Youth Leaders! Whether you need to earn a few extra graduate credit hours this summer or you just want to improve your conservation education skills, our summer educator workshops are for you! For more information about the courses listed below, visit our website at www.mdc.mo.gov or call Liz Lyons at (636)300-1953 ext. 357. Reservations are required.

Feb. 24 & May 12 (classroom)

Feb. 25 – April 13 (field assignments on your own)

Bring 'Em In Close: Wildlife

1 hour credit

Meramec State Park

June 12 – 14: Animal Adaptations

1 hour credit

St. Louis Zoo and Forest Park Office

June 12 – 15: Field Tripping for Conservation

2 hours credit

Various St. Louis Locations

June 19 – 21: Outdoor Skills Favorites

1 hour credit

Forest Park

June 20: Aquatic Adventures for Middle School

Busch Conservation Area

June 26: Aquatic Adventures for Middle School

Forest Park

June 26 – 29: Outdoor Classroom Adventures

2 hours credit

Lewis and Clark Boathouse, St. Charles

June 28: Aquatic Adventures for Middle School

Powder Valley

July 10: Aquatic Adventures for Middle School

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

July 12: Aquatic Adventures for Middle School

Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area

July 18 – 20, 23 – 27: Forest Park Voyagers

3 hours credit

Forest Park

St. Louis Area Fishing Information

Our Website

Log onto www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/fish/fishing/ for all the latest information on fishing in St. Louis. You'll find maps, seasons, limits, tips and much more! Log on today.

Fish Stocking Hotline

Have the Busch Conservation Area or the St. Louis Urban Fishing Program lakes been stocked yet? What species of fish were stocked? How big were they? The answers to these questions and more can be found by calling (636) 300-9651.

Fish St. Louis

Did you know that within an hour of the Arch there are:

- *130 public fishing lakes
- *200 miles of fishing streams
- *58 river accesses (many with boat ramps)
- *22 park lakes, stocked each month
- *16 lakes stocked with trout during winter months

These waters boast some of the most productive catfish, smallmouth bass, paddlefish and walleye fishing — right here in St. Louis! Call (636) 441-4554 today to request your free copy of the *Fish St. Louis* brochure.



Mobile Aquarium Schedule

St. Louis Region

March 5-7
April 18-22
May 19, 2007
June 14-18
July 20-22

St. Louis Public Schools Career Day
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
Busch Kids Fishing Day
Union Station
Jefferson County Fair

GO Fish, Interpret and Share our Heritage! GO FISH!

Missouri Department of Conservation's New Angler Education Program

In a continuing effort to bring the citizens of Missouri closer to the fish, forest and wildlife that surrounds them, it is with great excitement that MDC announces the GO FISH! program. GO FISH! will target children ages 8-15 and will provide instruction and fishing opportunities. For GO FISH! to succeed, MDC needs the time and talents of many volunteers and has opportunities for people or groups to provide other gifts.

GO FISH! will rely heavily upon dedicated volunteers to instruct kids, help during fishing events, and coordinate efforts at Conservation Fishing Centers located in Suson Park, Bellefontaine Conservation Area, and Forest Park. Volunteer instructors will be trained by MDC and provided with everything needed to instruct kids. Volunteer training will start in March, 2007, with classes forming in late spring 2007.

New anglers will receive awards, prizes, and information to help with their future fishing adventures. Volunteers will receive special prizes too, but are sure to receive much more from the many happy new anglers.

If you are interested or know of a group or person who might be, please contact: Denise Otto, MDC Fisheries Biologist at 636/300-1953, x.243 or e-mail Denise.Otto@mdc.mo.gov

St. Louis Area Winter Trout Program

Since 1989, the Missouri Department of Conservation has stocked rainbow trout in the St. Louis area, beginning in St. Louis City (as part of the St. Louis Urban Fishing Program) and later expanding to Kirkwood, Ferguson, Ballwin, Overland, Jennings and the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area. This year, over 36,000 rainbow trout will be stocked in 17 St. Louis City and County lakes and five lakes on the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area. These fish will average 10 – 12” and were raised at MDC hatcheries. Trout stocking begins in November and runs through February. Many lakes receive two stockings/month, while some (catch-and-release lakes) get stocked less. Stocking dates are not announced ahead of time, but are quickly reported to the Fish Stocking Hotline at (636) 300-9651.



This year's program lakes include:

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area lakes 21, 22, 23, 24 and 28
Suson Park lakes 1, 2 and 3
Tilles Park Lake (STLCO)
Walker Lake (City of Kirkwood)
Vlasis Park Lake (City of Ballwin)
O'Fallon Park Lake (STL City)
Boathouse Lake – Carondelet Park (STL City)
Jefferson Lake – Forest Park (STL City)
January-Wabash Lake (City of Ferguson)
Wild Acres Park Lake (City of Overland)
Koeneman Park Lake (City of Jennings)

St. Louis Area Winter Trout Program Rules and Regulations

All anglers:

- age 16 through 64 must possess a valid Missouri fishing permit
- wanting to keep trout must possess a trout permit (catch-and-release anglers do not need a trout permit)
- are limited to one fishing pole from November 1 through January 31

At Tilles Park Lake, Jefferson Lake – Forest Park, Walker Lake, Wild Acres Park Lake, Koeneman Park Lake and August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area lakes 21 and 28:

- all trout must be released, unharmed, from November 1 through January 31
- only artificial baits (no natural or scented baits) can be used

At Suson Park lakes 1, 2 and 3, Vlasis Park Lake, January-Wabash Park Lake, O'Fallon Park Lake, Boathouse Lake in Carondelet Park and August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area lakes 22, 23 and 24 and, after January 31, at Tilles, Jefferson, Walker, Wild Acres, Koeneman Park Lake and Busch lakes 21 and 28:

- daily limit = 4
- possession limit = 8
- any legal bait or lure can be used
- no person shall continue to fish for any species after having 4 trout in possession

Private Land Forestry Assistance

The vast majority of land in Missouri is under direct ownership and influence of private landowners. Private individuals own more than 93 percent of all land and 85 percent of forest land. To help care for these resources, it is essential that the Missouri Department of Conservation offer a wide range of landowner assistance programs. These programs help private landowners meet the objectives they have for the natural resources on their property and include programs such as the American Tree Farm System, the Forest Stewardship Initiative, and a variety of cost share options to assist landowners with good forest stewardship practices.

For assistance with forest management, you can access our website at: www.mdc.mo.gov/forest/private/ or contact your local forester who will be happy to assist you:

St. Louis County:	Rob Emmett	(314) 301-1500 ext. 2236	Rob.Emmett@mdc.mo.gov
St. Charles County:	Mark Grueber	(636) 300-1953 ext. 248	Mark.Grueber@mdc.mo.gov
Jefferson County:	Rick Johnson	(636) 458-2236 ext. 228	Rick.Johnson@mdc.mo.gov
Warren and Lincoln counties:	Gus Raeker	(636) 456-3368	Gus.Raeker@mdc.mo.gov
Washington and Franklin counties:	Gayle Todd	(573) 468-3335 ext. 223	Gayle.Todd@mdc.mo.gov
Crawford County:	Nate Forbes	(573) 468-3335 ext. 224	Nate.Forbes@mdc.mo.gov

If your property is not located within these counties you can find your local forester by using our web search engine at www.mdc.mo.gov/forest/myforester-search.html or by contacting any of the foresters listed above.

Missouri Consulting Foresters

Missouri is blessed with a fine group of individuals and companies that offer forest management services for hire. For certain services such as timber or timber theft appraisal, some commercial timber sales and timber salvage operations, it is recommended that you contact a consulting forester. Their roster is available at their website: www.missouriforesters.com. Your local MDC forester will be happy to discuss how a consulting forester can work for you.

To obtain seedlings

The George O. White State Forest Nursery offers Missouri residents a variety of seedlings for reforestation, windbreaks and erosion control, as well as wildlife food and cover. Anyone wanting large trees or shrubs for ornamental and landscape purposes will be sent upon request a list of wholesale and retail commercial nurseries that are members of the Missouri Landscape and Nursery Association. The opportunity to order seedlings begins in mid-November every year and continues through late April. Seedlings are shipped in early to mid-spring.

You can order seedlings directly from our website beginning in mid-November at: www.mdc.mo.gov/forest/nursery/seedling/ or you can contact the nursery to obtain an order form at (573) 674-3229.



Urban Forestry

Are you “bugged” by a tree pest? Need some help figuring out the best tree to plant in your yard? When is the best time to prune a tree? Our urban and resource foresters can help answer your questions over the phone or you’re welcome to drop off samples of a problem tree at these offices:

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 301-1500

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
2360 Highway D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 441-4554

Rockwoods Reservation
2751 Glencoe Road
Wildwood, MO 63038
(636) 458-2236

Sullivan Public Contact Office
375 South Highway 185
Sullivan, MO 63080
(573) 468-3335



St. Louis County:	Rob Emmett	(314) 301-1500 ext. 2236	Rob.Emmett@mdc.mo.gov
St. Charles County:	Mark Grueber	(636) 300-1953 ext. 248	Mark.Grueber@mdc.mo.gov
Jefferson County:	Rick Johnson	(636) 458-2236 ext. 228	Rick.Johnson@mdc.mo.gov
Warren and Lincoln counties:	Gus Raeker	(636) 456-3368	Gus.Raeker@mdc.mo.gov
Washington and Franklin counties:	Gayle Todd	(573) 468-3335 ext. 223	Gayle.Todd@mdc.mo.gov
Crawford County:	Nate Forbes	(573) 468-3335 ext. 224	Nate.Forbes@mdc.mo.gov

You can also access our website for our publications on tree identification, planting, pruning, mulching and other tree care activities at www.mdc.mo.gov/forest/urban/.

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborists

Many pest questions will end with a recommendation to contact an arborist for a site visit. Unless the insect or disease is of concern to MDC as a contagious pest, we will recommend that you contact an ISA Certified Arborist. The International Society of Arboriculture is a worldwide professional organization dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation for trees and to promoting research, technology and the professional practice of arboriculture. The Missouri Department of Conservation recommends using ISA Certified Arborists to perform any diagnosis or treatment on your trees. You can locate ISA Certified Arborists in your area by using their internet search engine at www.isa-arbor.com or you can contact the International Society of Arboriculture at (888) 472-8733. You may also contact your local urban or resource forester for assistance with questions about ISA Certified Arborists.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

Are you interested in planting trees in your local park or do you manage common ground or other public property such as a school or church? Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is a local non-profit organization that can assist in providing training and low-cost or free trees for planting on public property. They also have volunteer opportunities to assist with tree planting and care projects. You can contact them at (314) 533-5323 or at info@moreleaf.org

Private Land Services

Whatever your land use, the Department has programs in place that can help increase productivity while enhancing natural resources. Private Land Services offers information, training, advice and technical assistance, and can help connect you to sources of financial assistance.

Agriculture:

Improving production and protecting resources through innovative practices and techniques. Crops and livestock benefit from such practices as improved grazing systems, native forages, alternative watering methods, windbreaks, erosion control, alternative and sustainable crops and agroforestry.

Forests:

Forest management, timber sales, timber stand improvement, tree planting and alternative forest crops like grapevines and ginseng.

Ponds:

New ponds, restoration, improved fish habitat, stocking, vegetation control, angler access, fishing facilities, shoreline protection, fish farming and predator control.

Streams:

Stabilization, erosion control, improved corridors, filter and buffer strips and fish habitat enhancements.

Wildlife:

Food and cover plantings, habitat improvement and wildlife damage control.

Natural Communities:

Restoration of native communities like wetlands, prairies, glades and savannahs, establishment of native plants, prescribed burning and control of invasive vegetation.

Urban Watershed Conservation:

Watershed protection, urban site design, stormwater control and planning and zoning advice regarding conservation of natural resources.

Practical stewardship by private landowners is the key to making sure Missourians continue to enjoy the benefits of a diverse, healthy environment.

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Wildlife Damage Management Program

The Wildlife Damage Management Program was established by the Missouri Department of Conservation in an attempt to minimize conflicts between wildlife and landowners. The program depends on a variety of methods, including habitat management, animal husbandry, repellents, traps and scare tactics, to reduce wildlife damage. Each complaint of wildlife damage received by the Conservation Department is analyzed to determine whether control is needed and to what extent, as well as the safest, most practical and most humane method for individuals and wildlife involved.

The program provides the knowledge and equipment necessary for people with wildlife damage to solve immediate problems and to prevent future damage situations. There is no charge for the service and any materials used are sold to landowners at cost. Services are limited to vertebrate pests only. Problems involving insects are referred to the University Extension Service, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. Problems that relate to federally endangered or threatened species, migratory birds or other federally protected species are handled through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Animal Damage Control Unit, 2407 Industrial Drive, Columbia, MO 65202.

Private Land Services

Your local representatives:

Regionwide

Steve Spezia, PLS Regional Supervisor
(636) 300-1953 ext. 308
Steve.Spezia@mdc.mo.gov
2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304

Tom Meister, Wildlife Damage Biologist
(314) 301-1506 ext. 2234
Tom.Meister@mdc.mo.gov
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Counties: St. Charles, Warren

Dan Crigler, Private Land Conservationist
(636) 300-1953 ext. 231
Dan.Crigler@mdc.mo.gov
2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304

Counties: Lincoln

Jeff Esely, Private Land Conservationist
(636) 528-4877 ext. 3
Jeff.Esely@mdc.mo.gov
116 Frenchman Bluff Road
Troy, MO 63379

Counties: Crawford, Washington

Mark Johanson, Private Land Conservationist
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PO Box 248
Sullivan, MO 63080

Counties: Jefferson, St. Louis

Dave Knisley, Private Land Conservationist
(636) 789-2441 ext. 3
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10820 Hwy 21, Suite 100
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Counties: Franklin

Scot Mikols, Private Land Conservationist
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Scot.Mikols@mdc.mo.gov
1004 Vondera Ave, Suite 2
Union, MO 63084

Counties: Crawford, Franklin, Jefferson, Washington & City of St. Louis

Tracy Boaz, Community Conservationist
(314) 301-1506 ext. 2264
Tracy.Boaz@mdc.mo.gov
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Counties: Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren

Perry Eckhardt, Community Conservationist
(636) 922-2833 ext. 112
Perry.Eckhardt@mdc.mo.gov
160 St. Peters Centre Blvd.
St. Peters, MO 63376

Private Lands Workshops:

Prescribed Burning Workshops

Participants will learn how to plan and conduct prescribed burns safely for grassland management. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, January 23 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Hillsboro – MU Extension Office
Contact Dave Knisley – (636) 789-2441 ext. 3

Tuesday, January 30 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Elsberry – USDA Plant Materials Center
Contact Jeff Esely – (636) 528-4877 ext. 3

Tuesday, February 13 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Kirkwood – Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
Contact Scot Mikols – (636) 583-2303 ext. 115

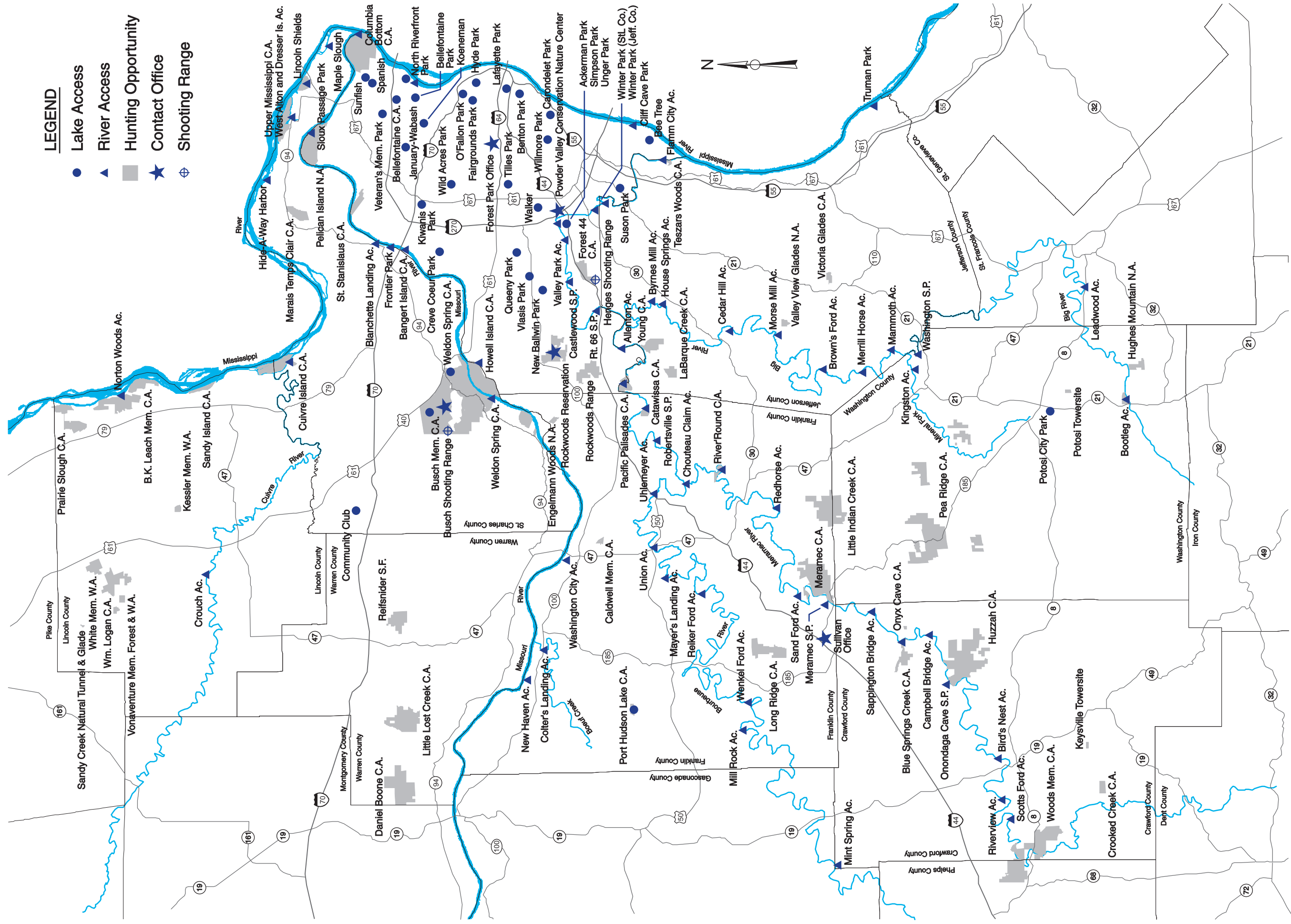
Pond Management Workshops

These workshops are for landowners interested in constructing or maintaining a pond. Learn about pond management practices that benefit fish and the aquatic environment. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wednesday, February 28 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Hillsboro – Jefferson College
Call the college at (636) 797-3000 ext. 144

Tuesday, March 13 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Troy – MU Extension Office
Contact Jeff Esely – (636) 528-4877 ext. 3

St. Louis Region Recreation Areas



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Managed Hunting Opportunities

Managed Deer Hunting opportunities exist on numerous Conservation Areas and other public lands around the state. The application period is from July 1–August 15 each year. Several locations in the St. Louis Region offer various managed deer hunting opportunities. Managed hunting opportunities include modern firearms, muzzleloading firearms, archery, and youth-only hunts. The *Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information* Booklet is published each summer with all of the available managed deer hunts and application instructions.

Managed Turkey Hunting opportunities exist during spring turkey season on the August A. Busch Memorial and Weldon Spring Conservation Areas. The application period is typically from February through early March. Check the Department's website for application information or call the St. Louis Regional Office.

Managed Dove Hunting opportunities exist on the Columbia Bottom Conservation Area in early September of each year. The application period is from July 1–July 31. Several other areas have daily drawings for dove hunting opportunities: Marais Temps Clair and White Memorial Conservation Areas. Most Conservation Areas in the St. Louis Region have special dove hunting regulations; please call the office at Columbia Bottom or the St. Louis Regional Office to find out more details.

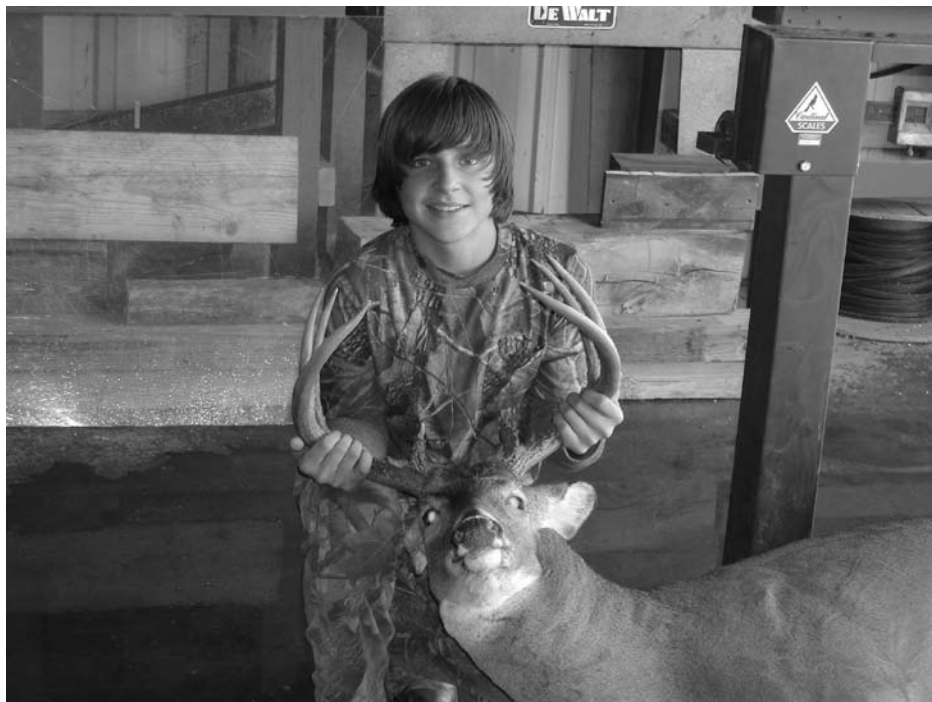
Waterfowl Hunting opportunities exist on B.K. Leach Memorial, Columbia Bottom, Marais Temps Clair, and Upper Mississippi Conservation Areas. Waterfowl hunting blind drawings take place every two years for the Upper Mississippi Conservation Areas.

Hunt Type

Deer (all managed hunt areas)
Turkey (Busch and Weldon Spring CAs)
Dove (Columbia Bottom CA)
Goose (Busch CA)
Waterfowl (Upper Mississippi CA)

Application Period

July 1 to August 15
February to early March
July 1 to July 31
Application period opens after the statewide waterfowl seasons are announced.
Blind Drawing July 2008



2007 Youth Hunting Opportunities

Spring Turkey:

Busch Range	Clinic – March 17	Hunt – Busch CA April 7 – 8 Weldon Spring CA April 7 – 8
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Squirrel:

Busch Range	Clinic – May 24, 6 – 9 p.m.	Hunt – May 26
Henges Range	Clinic – September 6, 6 – 8 p.m..	Hunt – September 8

Dove:

Busch Range	Clinic – August 31, 6 – 9 p.m.	Hunt – September 1
Lincoln County Registration will begin June 1, 2007 at (636) 441-4554	Clinic – August 25 at Logan CA	Hunt – September 1 at White CA
Columbia Bottom CA Registration will begin July 1, 2007 at (314) 877-6014. Preference will be given to first time dove hunt participants. This is limited to 20 youth, ages 11-15. Youth must be hunter-education certified.	Clinic – September 1	Hunt – September 1

Upland Game Birds:

Busch Range	Clinic – October 6, 1 – 5 p.m. Clinic – December 1, 1 – 5 p.m.	Hunt – October 7, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Hunt – December 2, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Henges Range	Clinic – December 5, 6 – 8 p.m..	Hunt – December 8

Rabbit:

Busch Range	Clinic – To be announced	Hunt – To be announced (Usually spread out in January and February)
Henges Range	Clinic – February 2, 6 – 9 p.m.	Hunt – February 3, 7 a.m.

Deer:

Busch CA	Clinic – October 13, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Hunt – Busch CA October 27-28
Weldon Spring CA	Clinic – October 13, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Hunt - Weldon Spring CA, October 27-28
Columbia Bottom CA	Clinic – October 13, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Hunt – Columbia Bottom CA, October 27-28

Dates for the deer managed hunts are tentative and subject to Commission approval. Registration is through the deer managed hunt system only. There are no alternate dates for the clinic and those who do not attend will be disqualified. Both hunter and sponsor must attend the clinic and both must be hunter-education certified. For more information, call (636) 441-4554.

Hunting Regulations On MDC Conservation Areas St. Louis Region

Area regulations subject to change. Always check with Area Manager by calling the nearest MDC office before participating in any hunting activities on the areas listed below.

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AREA	COUNTY	Deer	Turkey	Waterfowl	Rabbit	Squirrel	Woodcock	Crow	Dove	Quail	Coyote	Furbearer	Rail/Snipe	Trapping
Little Indian Creek	Franklin & Washington	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Little Lost Creek	Warren	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
William Logan	Lincoln	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	*
Long Ridge	Franklin	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Marais Temps Clair	St. Charles	M	N	*	N	N	*	N	*	N	N	N	*	*
Meramec & Henye Annex	Franklin	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Merrill Horse Access	Jefferson	*	S	S	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Norton Woods	Lincoln	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Onyx Cave	Crawford	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Pacific Palisades	Jefferson & St. Louis	*	S	S	*	*	N	N	S	S	N	N	N	*
Pea Ridge	Washington	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Pelican Island	St. Louis	M	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Port Hudson Lake	Franklin	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Possom Woods	St. Louis	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Prairie Slough	Lincoln & Pike	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Frank Reifsnider	Warren	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
River 'Round	Franklin	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Rockwoods Range	St. Louis	M	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Rockwoods Reservation	St. Louis	M	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
St. Stanislaus	St. Louis	M	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*
Sandy Island	Lincoln	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Teszars Woods	Jefferson	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Upper Mississippi	Lincoln, St. Charles	*	S	M & S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Valley View Glades	Jefferson	*	S	N	S	S	N	S	S	S	N	N	N	N
Victoria Glades	Jefferson	*	S	N	S	S	N	S	S	S	N	N	N	N
Vonaventure	Lincoln	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
Weldon Spring	St. Charles	M	M & *	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	*	*	S	*
White	Lincoln	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	*
Young	Jefferson	*	S	N	S	S	N	S	S	S	N	N	N	*

M = Managed hunts only

N = No hunting allowed

S = Statewide hunting regulations apply

* = Special hunting regulations apply; check with St. Louis Regional Office, area brochure, MDC website or Area Manager for details

Wildlife Nuisance Problems

The first step to solving a wildlife nuisance problem is making a phone call to the nearest MDC office. Urban wildlife biologists, conservation agents or other experts can provide advice that will solve most wildlife problems. When they can't find a solution, they notify biologists in the MDC Wildlife Damage Management Program. The program provides information needed to solve wildlife nuisance problems. There is no charge for the service and necessary materials used are sold to landowners at cost.

Erin Shank
Urban Wildlife Biologist
(314) 301-1506 ext. 2239
Erin.Shank@mdc.mo.gov
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Tom Meister
Wildlife Damage Biologist
(314) 301-1506 ext. 2234
Tom.Meister@mdc.mo.gov
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Procedure For Trapped Nuisance Animals

EUTHANIZING A TRAPPED ANIMAL IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

Nuisance animal control companies, landowners and agents of landowners are reminded they should euthanize all trapped animals, but if not, they are not permitted to release animals on the Conservation Areas listed below.

State parks, local and county parks do not have specific regulations on releasing animals. **Park Managers should be contacted before any animal is released.**

Contact information for **state parks**:

Babler Memorial State Park	(636) 458-3813	Katy Trail State Park	(636) 899-1135
Castlewood State Park	(636) 227-4433	Mastodon State Historic Site	(636) 464-2976
Cuivre River State Park	(636) 528-7247	Robertsville State Park	(636) 257-3788
Jones Confluence State Park	(636) 899-1135	Route 66 State Park	(636) 938-7198

Under no circumstances will non-native species be allowed to be released on MDC lands.

Under no circumstances will fish be allowed to be released into MDC waters.

No Release List and Permitted Release List of Conservation Areas for trapped animals:

Crawford County

No Release Area

Blue Springs Creek CA

Permitted Release Areas

John N. and Melba S. Anderson MCA
Huzzah CA
Onyx Cave CA
Pearl G. and John J. Sizemore MCA

Franklin County

No Release Area

Engelmann Woods Natural Area

Permitted Release Areas

Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area
Catawissa CA
Little Indian Creek CA
Long Ridge CA
Meramec CA and
Arthur G. Heyne Memorial Access
Port Hudson Lake CA
River Round CA

Jefferson County

No Release Areas

Young CA
Valley View Glades NA
Victoria Glades CA
Teszars Woods CA

Permitted Release Area

LaBarque Creek CA

Lincoln County

No Release Area

William G. & Erma Parke White MCA

Permitted Release Areas

Cuivre Island CA
Kessler Memorial Wildlife Area
BK Leach Memorial CA
William R. Logan CA
Prairie Slough CA
Sandy Island CA
Upper Mississippi CA
Vonaventure Memorial Forest and WA

St. Charles County

No Release Areas

August A. Busch MCA
Weldon Spring CA
Howell Island CA

Permitted Release Areas

Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area
(access by boat only)
Cuivre Island CA
Marais Temps Clair CA
Upper Mississippi CA
Upper Mississippi Waterfowl Area
(access by boat only)

St. Louis County

No Release Areas

Rockwoods Range CA
Rockwoods Reservation CA
Forest 44 CA
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
Columbia Bottom CA
Bellefontaine CA
August G. Beckemeier CA
Jean and Joan Goodson CA “Bittersweet Woods CA”
Gravois Creek CA
Hickory Woods CA
Roger Klamberg Woods CA
Phantom Forest CA
Wild Cherry Ridge CA
Howell Island
Claire Gempp Davidson MWA

Permitted Release Areas

Emmenegger Nature Park
Pacific Palisades CA
Pelican Island Natural Area
Possum Woods CA
Saint Stanislaus CA

Warren County

No Release Area

Warrenton Office

Permitted Release Areas

Daniel Boone CA
Little Lost Creek CA
Reifsnider (Frank) SF

Washington County

No Release Areas

Washington State Park Access
Potosi (Roger Bilderback Lake)
Scotia Hollow Cave CA

Permitted Release Areas

Bootleg Access
High Point Towersite
Hughes Mountain NA
Kingston Access
Little Indian Creek CA
Pea Ridge CA
Potosi Towersite
Washington Towersite

Who Is My County's Conservation Agent?

The St. Louis Region Conservation Agents:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CONTACT PHONE #</u>
Chris Morrow	Regional Supervisor	(636) 462-2368
Scott Corley	District Supervisor	(636) 462-5495
Dennis Twyman	District Supervisor	(573) 468-5505

<u>AGENT'S NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CONTACT PHONE #</u>
Bob Frisby	St. Charles	(636) 946-3338
David Guntli	St. Charles	(636) 947-9958
LaDarius Strong	St. Charles	(636) 300-8148
Michael Helland	St. Louis	(636) 458-3965
Denise Hunsaker	St. Louis	(314) 631-8660
Gary VanMatre	St. Louis	(314) 276-2177
Jeffrey Breuer	Jefferson	(636) 296-0077
Steven Lenz	Jefferson	(636) 931-2021
Rob Brandenburg	Crawford	(573) 775-2270
Tim Tallent	Crawford	(573) 468-2959
Ben Pursley	Washington	(573) 436-0035
John Cook	Washington	(573) 436-1125
Randy Geise	Franklin	(636) 583-6047
Todd Wright	Franklin	(636) 390-0545
Kevin Eulinger	Lincoln	(636) 338-9283
Tim McDaniel	Lincoln	(636) 462-8801

Operation Game Thief

1-800-392-1111

Remain Anonymous
Reward Possible
Dial Toll-Free



Rewards are available for information leading to the arrest of game-law violators. Information can be provided anonymously by dialing the toll-free hotline number: 1-800-392-1111. All information received is kept in strict confidence. If you see a possible poaching violation in progress, immediately call your conservation agent or sheriff or dial the toll-free hotline number. Help put game thieves out of business. This program is sponsored by the Conservation Federation of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Share the Harvest

The Share the Harvest program provides a way for hunters to donate much-needed meat protein to needy Missourians. The program is administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Conservation Federation of Missouri.

It's easy to donate. Hunters who want to participate simply take their deer to an approved meat processor and tell them how much venison they wish to donate. The processor will package and store the meat for pick-up by a local sponsoring agency. The agency then delivers the venison to local organizations for distribution to the needy.

In the 2002/2003 hunting season, more than 90,000 pounds of venison were donated by Missouri deer hunters. Help set a new record in 2005. Even one package of venison provides a meal for the needy.



If you care to donate an entire deer, \$35 of the processing will be picked up by funds administered through the Conservation Federation of Missouri. You fill out the information on a form at the processor's and pay the balance of the bill. In some instances local organizations are even picking up the balance. Check with the processor or local conservation agent for those details.

Instead of donating the entire deer, you can specify to the processor how much of your deer you would like to donate either by pounds or packages. In that case, you would be responsible for all processing fees.

To learn more about the program or to find out how your organization can become a sponsor, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation

2360 Hwy D

St. Charles, MO 63304

(636) 441-4554

Share the Harvest Processing—Participating Meat Processors

Crawford County	Heintz Processing	Cuba	(573) 732-9938
Franklin County	Williams Bros. Meat Market Voss Packing Co. Beaufort Custom Meat Processing Ed's Meat Market Zerna Meat Co.	Washington Sullivan Leslie Washington Labadie	(636) 239-2183 (573) 468-8511 (573) 484-3312 (636) 239-6640 (636) 742-4190
Jefferson County	John's Butcher Shoppe Inc. Dittmer Meat Packing Inc.	Festus Dittmer	(636) 931-7776 (636) 285-9090
Lincoln County	Brown's Processing Brown's Smokehouse Meats	Elsberry Winfield	(573) 384-5284 (636) 566-6112
St. Charles County	Dan's Country Meats Josephville Meat Processing	New Melle Wentzville	(636) 828-5266 (636) 327-5455
St. Louis County	John's Butcher Shoppe Mateker's Meat Shop Affton Provision Meat Co. Kenrick's Meat Market Max's Meats & Deli	St. Louis St. Louis St. Louis St. Louis Florissant	(314) 423-8066 (314) 842-4100 (314) 638-2333 (314) 631-2440 (314) 831-6164
Warren County	Wright City Meat Co.	Wright City	(636) 745-3331

Missouri Hunter Education

Any person born on or after January 1, 1967, shall obtain and display an approved hunter education certificate card prior to purchase of any firearms hunting permit, except as exempted in 3 CSR 10-5.205 of the Wildlife Code of Missouri.

Hunter education classes are available throughout the year. Students must be 11 years of age or older to receive hunter education certification. Students must bring proof of age to the class. Classes are a minimum of 10 hours with many running between 12 and 14 hours over a period of two to three days.

For more information about dates and times of available classes in your area, contact the following Missouri Department of Conservation offices:

St. Louis Regional Office
2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 441-4554
(St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren)

Sullivan Public Contact Office
375 South Hwy 185
Sullivan, MO 63080
(573) 468-3335
(Franklin, Jefferson, Crawford, Washington)

Forest Park Office
5595 Grand Drive
St. Louis, MO 63112
(314) 877-1309
(St. Louis City and County)



Outdoor Skills Education

The Missouri Department of Conservation is offering outdoor skills programs for schools, Scout groups, church camps and other groups interested in the outdoors. The programs being offered include archery, pellet gun, firearms, fishing, hunting, camping, backpacking, historic skills, map & compass, outdoor cooking and more.

For more information about outdoor skills education in your area, contact your local Outdoor Skills Supervisor or Outdoor Skills Specialist:

Dennis Cooke
Outdoor Skills Specialist
Forest Park Office
5595 Grand Drive
St. Louis, MO 63112
(314) 877-1309
Dennis.Cooke@mdc.mo.gov
(St. Louis City and North St. Louis County)

Conrad Mallady
Outdoor Skills Specialist
Sullivan Public Contact Office
375 South Hwy 185
PO Box 248
Sullivan, MO 63080
(573) 468-3335 ext. 230
Conrad.Mallady@mdc.mo.gov
(Franklin, Jefferson, Crawford, Washington)

Kurt Otterstein
Outdoor Skills Specialist
St. Louis Regional Office
2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 300-1953 ext. 233
Kurt.Otterstein@mdc.mo.gov
(St. Louis, St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren)

Scott Sarantakis
Outdoor Skills Specialist
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
11715 Cragwold Rd
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 301-1506 ext 2257
Scott.Sarantakis@mdc.mo.gov
(St. Louis County)

August A. Busch Range & Conservation Education Center



3500 Hwy D
Defiance, MO 63341
(636) 300-1953 ext. 251
www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch

Public Range Hours

May 1 through September 30

Friday through Monday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

October 1 through April 30

Friday through Tuesday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

These hours are subject to change. Please call the range for updated hours.



Closed Days

Wednesday and Thursday and all state holidays.

Range Fees

Rifle/Pistol Range: \$3 per hour/per booth

Trap/Skeet Fields: \$3 per round/per person

Shotgun Patterning Range: \$3 for every set of three 40 inch patterning targets

Broadhead Archery Range: \$3 per hour/per person

Special Use Permits: Please call to inquire.

Note: Peak usage: 1 hour maximum per permit.

Eye and ear protection is required on all ranges.

Programs

The range facility offers a variety of programs throughout the year. These courses are offered at no cost. For additional information or to register for a program, please call (636) 441-4554.

Facilities

Features a 19-point, covered rifle/pistol range with target sockets at 15 yards, 25 yards, 50 yards, 75 yards and 100 yards. Bench rests and seats are provided for shooters and seating is provided for spectators. Paper targets and target stands are provided.

Facilities include two trap houses and one skeet field. Clay birds are provided, but you must provide your own ammunition.

Range Regulations

Eye and ear protection is required and is available upon request at no charge.

Persons under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted on range.

Fees must be paid before using range.

Guns should remain unloaded with actions locked open until ready to shoot to firing line.

Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction—straight up and down range.

Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.

Obey “cease fire” commands promptly. Unload firearms and lock actions open.

No more than two people in a booth at any given time.

Remove brass, extra targets and litter from booth before leaving.

There is no smoking in booth area.

All shooters 15 years of age or under must have adult (18+) supervision.

All pets must be kept on a leash at all times.

Any infraction of range rules could result in immediate loss of privileges without refund.

Henges Range & Conservation Education Center



1100 Antire Road
High Ridge, MO 63049
(636) 938-9548
www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges

Public Range Hours
May 1 through August 31
Wednesday 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
September 1 through April 30
Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Closed Days

Monday and Tuesday, all state holidays and special events and programs

Range Fees

Pistol/Rifle Range: \$3 per hour/per booth
Trap Range: \$3 per 25 targets/per person
Shotgun Patterning Range: \$3 per hour
Archery Range: \$3 per hour/per person
Range Special Use Permit: \$20 per hour/per permit
Building Use Permit: Inquire
NOTE: Peak usage: 1 hour maximum per permit
Trap Ranges: No shot size larger than 7 ½
Pistol/Rifle Range: No center fire ammunition larger than .50 caliber
Ear & eye protection are required on all ranges

Programs

Hunter Education: Missouri Hunter Education Student Programs, Missouri Hunter Education Instructor Training and Bowhunter Education Student Programs.

Firearms: Basic rifle, handgun, shotgun, muzzleloader, metallic & shotshell reloading, firearm maintenance, firearm safety in the home, introduction to trap & sporting clays, scope & optics, What is a Chronograph & How to Use One, and how to sight-in your firearm.

Youth Programs: Youth Hunting Clinics, Youth Hunter Education and Advanced Hunter Education Summer Day Camps, Basic Archery, Boy Scouts of America rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzleloader rifle merit badge programs, NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge Team, and a variety of youth outdoor skills programs.

Outdoor Skills: Woodworking for Wildlife, Backpacking, Outdoor Photography, Hiking, Outdoor Cooking, Family Camping Basics, Orienteering, Outdoor Survival Skills and Introduction to GPS Systems.

Seminars: Spring Wild Turkey Seminar, Trapping Nuisance Wildlife, Firearm ManufacturerS Show, How to Score White-tailed Deer Antlers, Trophy Game Care, Field to Freezer Deer Care and Trapper Basics.

For more program information contact (636) 938-9548 or visit us on the web: www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges or www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*When you become a Missouri Department of Conservation volunteer,
you become a vital part of one of the nation's most respected conservation departments,
an agency dedicated to managing Missouri's fish, forest and wildlife resources.*

*You'll gain new skills and knowledge as you work side by side with conservation
professionals who share your interest in our state's natural resources.*

NATURALISTS

Volunteer Naturalists are responsible for the organization, preparation and presentation of educational programs to school classes, youth clubs, other organized groups and the general public on and off Missouri Department of Conservation sites. Volunteers will also assist with special events on and off Missouri Department of Conservation sites, answer questions from the public on conservation topics and assist with desk duty and trail maintenance. Any Missouri resident 18 years of age or older may apply. Please contact Busch at (636) 441-4554, Powder Valley at (314) 301-1500, Rockwoods at (636) 458-2236, or Columbia Bottom at (314) 877-6014 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGE

The Shooting Range and Training Center Volunteers play a vital role in all conducted shooting sports, training programs and range operations. These volunteers contribute to a wide range of programs associated with all types of firearms and archery. Individuals are needed to help with tasks such as cashier, answering phones, helping with minor construction and repairs, watching for safety on firing lines, pulling clay targets for shooters, working with shooters to improve their skills, teaching programs for youths and adults, organizing training programs and much more. If you are interested in playing a part in these activities or have other skills or talents to offer, please contact the Busch Range at (636) 300-1953 ext. 251 or Henges Ranges at (636) 938-9548.

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

We are always searching for individuals to teach the Missouri Department of Conservation Hunter Education Classes. All of our instructors are volunteers and many of them have developed close ties with fellow instructors and students. You will play an integral role in developing future hunters, expanding minds and saving lives. Contact (636) 300-1953 ext. 233 for more information.

ANGLER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

The Missouri Department of Conservation is fishing for a few good volunteers to assist with its new GO FISH! angler education program. If you'd like to share your enthusiasm for fishing with kids ages 8-15 and help introduce them to the wonderful world of sport fishing, we'd like to hear from you! For more information about this new program, contact Denise Otto, Fisheries Biologist, at (636) 300-1953 x 243 or Denise.Otto@mdc.mo.gov.



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Quick Reference...

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL OFFICE

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 441-4554
Fax: (636) 926-9125

ST. LOUIS REGION FACILITIES

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road
St. Louis, MO 63138
(314) 877-6014
Fax: (314) 877-6021

Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Road
Wildwood, MO 63038
(636) 458-2236
Fax: (636) 458-6726

Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive
St. Louis, MO 63112
(314) 877-1309
Fax: (636) 926-9125

Sullivan Office

P.O. Box 248
Sullivan, MO 63080
(573) 468-3335
Fax: (573) 468-5434

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 301-1500
Fax: (314) 301-1501

Upper Mississippi River Conservation Area

P.O. Box 201
Elsberry, MO 63343
(573) 898-5905
Fax: (573) 898-5426

Warrenton Office

P.O. Box 157
Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 456-3368

RANGES/CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTERS

Busch Memorial Range

3500 Hwy D
Defiance, MO 63341
(636) 300-1953 ext. 251
Fax: (636) 329-0517

Henges Range

1100 Antire Road
High Ridge, MO 63049
(636) 938-9548
Fax: (636) 938-5692